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1. PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING UPI (MANILA BALT NA 3/1), LATEST DOS REPORT ON
HUMAN RTS CONDITIONS IN PHILS MAKES IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY
CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE ANY NEW AGREEMENT COVERING US BASES
AT THIS TIME.

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MOSLEM REBELS WHO KIDNAPPED FRENCH OFFICIAL 2/26 HAVE
DELAYED MAKING RANSOM DEMAND BECAUSE THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND
HIM. ACCORDING MOSLEM SOURCES, GUERRILLAS HAVE ASKED
S PHIL MIL COMMAND SEND INTERPRETER SO THEY CAN FIND OUT
WHO OFFICIAL IS/HOW MUCH TO DEMAND. SOURCES SAY THIS
UNLIKELY, SINCE AUTHORITIES HAVE SEIZED 6 RELATIVES ONE OF
KIDNAPPERS TO EXCHANGE FOR FRENCHMAN (WP ZAMBOANGA CITY).

2. MALAYSIA

SATUK HARUN IDRIS, SENTENCED TO 6 YRS FOR FORGERY/
CORRUPTION, SURRENDERED TO POLICE WEDS/IMMEDIATELY WENT
TO HOSPITAL FOR MINOR SURGERY, ENDING TENSE, WK-LONG
DRAMA DURING WHICH YOUNG SUPPORTERS DEMANDED ROYAL PARDON/

REFUSED LET HIM TO TO JAIL (REUTER KL 3/1).

GOM NEGOTIATES 8-YR BANK LOAN OF 400 MIL DOLS TO HELP
FINANCE ECON DEVEL. MAJOR LENDERS CHASE MANHATTAN/
CITIBANK/MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST (WSJ SPEC KL).

3. AUSTRALIA

ATOMIC ENERGY COMM SHARPLY CUTS ITS ESTIMATES OF WORLD
DEMAND FOR AUSSIE URANIUM RESERVES. ANNUAL REPORT BLAMES
US/FRG/France/ITALY/SWEDEN ANTI-NUKE DEMONSTRATIONS FOR
DROP-OFF IN ORDERS. IN US, ONLY 3 ORDERS FOR NUKE PLANTS
PLACED IN LAST 12 MONTHS, ONE SUSPENDED; BLDG 9 OTHER
REACTORS EITHER CANCELLED/POSTPONED (REUTER CANBERRA 3/1).

FORMER GOV GEN KERR, SHOCKED BY PROTEST STORM OVER HIS
APPOINTMENT AS AUSSIE AMB TO UNESCO, HAS RESIGNED SO AS NOT
SUBJECT HIS FAMILY "TO THIS FURTHER TRIAL BY INNUENDO AND
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FALSEHOOD." MOUNTING FULL-SCALE ATTACK IN PARLIAMENT,
LABOR CHARGED KERR HAD BEEN REWARDED FOR HIS SERVICES TO
FRASER GOVT W/PAYOFF OF 159,000-DOL SINECURE AS AMBASSADOR
(REUTER CANBERRA).

4. CHINA

NPC PRESENTED 3/1 W/DRAFT OF REVISED CONSTITUTION WHICH
MAKES PROVISION FOR PRC'S MODERNIZATION PLANS. OFFICIAL
NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT SPELL OUT CHANGES IN DETAIL,
BUT SAID THEY WERE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT BY CCP VICE
CHRMN YEH CHIEN-YING. YEH SAID DRAFT--TO BE DISCUSSED IN
DETAIL THURS--MADE CLEAR CALL FOR "CONSOLIDATING SOCIALIST
ECONOMIC BASE"/"DEVELOPING PRODUCTIVE FORCES AT HIGH
SPEED" (REUTER PEKING, PRITCHETT 3/1).

NEW CONSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS, RESTORES CRIMINAL
PROSECUTORS/ENCOURAGES CITIZEN COMPLAINTS. NCNA SUMMARY
MADE CLEAR PRC PLANS RETURN STRICTER/MORE CAREFULLY
SUPERVISED CRIMINAL PROCEDURES OF '50S; ALSO RESTORING NET-
WORK OF PROSECUTOR OFFICES WHICH ABOLISHED IN '75 CONSTITU-
TION AFTER GOVT TRIED PUNISH RED GUARDS/OTHERS DURING CR.

YEH INDICATED NEW CONSTITUTION WOULD CALL FOR MORE INTELLECUTAL FREEDOM IN HOPES STIMULATING SCIENTIFIC THINKING/TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS; ALSO THAT MORE OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS CAN HELP LEADERSHIP GOVERN (MATHEWS, WP HK).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK) NOTES YEH ALSO SAID NEW CONSTITUTION WOULD ENSHRINE "GREAT BANNER OF CHRMN MAO." THIS SEEN AS SUBTLE DEMOTION OF MAO, SINCE '75 CONSTITUTION MADE MAO THOUGHT STATE DOCTRINE. MEANWHILE, PRC OBSERVED 80TH ANNIVERSARY CHOU EN-LAI BIRTH--BELIEVED FIRST TIME HIS BIRTHDAY PUBLICLY MARKED. PUBLICITY FOR CHOU APPEARED DESIGNED TO REMIND PEOPLE HE HAD TRIED INSTALL TENG AS SUCCESSOR. WHILE STILL UNCLEAR WHO WILL BE NAMED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PM POST, APPEARS TENG OUTMANEUVERED OPPONENTS IN POLITBURO BY REDUCING THEIR AUTHORITY. THESE INCLUDE SAIFUDIN, FORMER CP LEADER SINKIANG REGION/WU TEH, PEKING MAYOR/ CHEN HSI-LIEN PEKING REGION MIL COMMANDER.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED IN CONSTITUTION INCLUDE (1) GUARANTEE OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY/ALSO HIGH DEGREE OF CENTRALISM-- MEANING PARTY MEMBERS/ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN DISCUSS POLICIES WHILE BEING CONSIDERED, BUT MUST FOLLOW LEADERSHIP DECISIONS ONCE LAID DOWN (2) CALL FOR PLA MODERNIZATION-- KEY HUA GOAL (ISAACS, SUN HK; AP TOKYO, PHINQ).

PRC REPORTED ALSO TO BE LOOSENING POLICIES ON RELIGION. AFTER DISAPPEARANCES FROM PUBLIC VIEW FOR LONG AS 16 YRS, LEADERS OF SEVERAL FAITHS--BUDDHIST/ISLAMIC/CHRISTIAN-- SURFACED AS NON-COMMUNIST DELEGATES TO CPPCC (MORITZ, CSM HK).

ACCORDING INFORMED VATICAN SOURCE, TWO BISHOPS REPORTED TO BE MEMBERS OF CPPCC ACKNOWLEDGED BY VATICAN AS VALID CHURCH REPS (VATICAN CITY AFP WP).

NCNA REPORTS PRC DRAFT CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR MERGER OF LOCAL MILITIA/REGIONAL MIL FORCES W/REGULAR ARMY TO BRING ALL ARMED FORCES UNDER CLOSER CONTROL (TOKYO AP, NYT).

NCNA ANNOUNCES HAO CHIEN-HSIU, FORMER COTTON SPINNER, APPOINTED VICE-MINISTER OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY. HAO ALSO CCP CENTRAL CMTE MEMBER (REUTER PEKING).

ILO VICE-CHRMN BERGENSTROEM REPORTED SAYING PRC'S FAILURE TO TAKE ITS SEAT OR PAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ILO IS SHOCKING/ UNACCEPTABLE. CHINA IN ARREARS 18 MIL DOLS IN CONTRIBU- UNCLASSIFIED

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TIONS, WHICH ACCUMULATED SINCE ILO OUSTED ROC/GAVE PEKING SEAT IN '71 (REUTER GENEVA 3/1).

BEI HAI PARK/ADJOINING COAL MILL PARK--CLOSED FOR 9 YRS--REPORTED REOPENED TO PUBLIC. OFFICIALS SAY THEY RECEIVED ORDERS FROM HUA KUO-FENG ABOUT 2 WKS AGO TO REOPEN--WHICH, THEY SAY, IS PROOF OF EXCELLENT SITUATION IN PRC W/DOWNFALL

GANG OF FOUR. PARKS THOUGHT TO BE PREVIOUSLY SHUT FOR SECURITY REASONS BECAUSE OF PROXIMITY TO AREA WHERE PRC LEADERS LIVE (PRITCHETT, REUTER PEKING 3/1).

NCNA REPORTS 1,200-YR-OLD COPY OF ANCIENT BOOK, "THE BOOK OF DIVINATION," DISCOVERED IN SHANGHAI BOOKSTORE (REUTER PEKING).

UPI (BATL NA HK) BRIEF NOTES THAT DESPITE PRES CARTER'S DECISION PUT PRC NORMALIZATION ISSUE ON BACK BURNER, NUMBER CHINA MISSIONS TO US--ESPECIALLY IN SCIENCE/ EDUCATION FIELD--WILL EXPAND. SAYS, AS IN PAST, "PACE AND EMPHASIS OF PROCESS WILL BE DICTATED BY PEKING."

MACKENZIE (REUTER PEKING 3/1) REPORTS USLO'S WOODCOCK ANNOUNCED WEDS HE WILL WED USLO NURSE SHARON TUDHY LATE NEXT MONTH IN PEKING CHINESE CIVIL CEREMONY. WOODCOCK SAID CHINESE OFFICIALS APPEARED PLEASED AT FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE, ADDED: "SHARON AND I WOULD BE BOTH HAPPY IF THIS WAS ANOTHER SMALL STEP TOWARDS NORMALIZATION."

HK TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO SPONSOR TRADE MISSION TO US THIS MONTH. MISSION, REPRESENTING 14 MFGRS/EXPORTERS VARIETY PRODUCTS, WILL VISIT NYC/CHICAGO/LA (JOC).

5. VIETNAM

PM PHAM VAN DONG ARRIVED SRI LANKA THURS FOR 3-DAY UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIAL VISIT, WARMLY WELCOMED BY PM PREMADASA. TALKS WILL COVER INTL ISSUES, BILAT RELS, VN/CAMBODIA BORDER DISPUTE, CULTURAL/TRADE AGREEMENTS (REUTER COLOMBO).

6. KOREA

ACCORDING SUN WASH BUREAU, US OFFICIALS NOW CONCEDE

PRIVATELY THAT PRES CARTER MAY HAVE DEFER TROOP W/DRAWALS FROM SK FOR STRATEGIC REASONS IF CONGRESS CUTS OFF AID OVER ROKG ROLE IN DISTRIBUTION MONEY TO CONGRESSMEN. QUOTES EA'S HOLBROOKE 3/1 THAT: "WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE ISSUES SEPARATE; EVEN THO MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE; THAT KOREAN PENINSULA ONE OF FEW AREAS W/REAL POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT. ARTICLE SAYS CONGRESS STILL WANT TALK TO KIM DONG JO, BUT NOTES SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE INQUIRED AT DOS ABOUT IMPLICATIONS SUCH ACTION ON INTL AGREEMENTS/DIPLO PRACTICE. SAYS THEY ARE LESS WORRIED ABOUT MORALITY INDIV CASE THAN ABOUT INTL STANDARDS.

US APPEALS COURT UPHELD DEPORTATION ORDERS AGAINST SCORES FOLLOWERS REV SUN MYUNG MOON 3/1, REFUSING ALLOW THEM STAY AS MISSIONARIES IN TRAINING SINCE IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS CONCLUDED TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR FUND-RASING/MISSIONARIES BEING USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES, SUCH AS SALE OF MERCHANDISE IN SHOPPING CENTERS, ON STREETS, ON DOOR-TO-DOOR BASIS/SOLICITING DONATIONS ON BEHALF UNIFICATION CHURCH (REUTER 3/1).

UPI (TOKYO BALT NA 3/1) SAYS IN OPINION SOME SCHOLARS/DIPLOS WHO MONITOR NK AFFAIRS, PYONGYANG IS BOILING W/ POL DISPUTES. CITE AS SYMPTOM FACT THAT PARTY 4 YRS OVERDUE FOR CONVENTION.

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COMMERCE DEPT ANNOUNCES US SHOE MFGRS SHOULD BE ABLE INCREASE THEIR SHARE DOMESTIC SALES THIS YR AS RESULT FALLING IMPORTS FROM ITALY/SPAIN/BRAZIL. IMPORTS FROM KOREA/ROC, HOWEVER, LITTLE CHANGED--DESPITE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE LAST JUNE TO CUT EXPORTS 0Y 22.5 PCT (REUTER 3/1).

ACCORDING "KOREA HERALD," ROKG MAY SWITCH PROPOSED NEW ORDER FOR NUKE REACTORS FROM US TO EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS BECAUSE OF UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS PLACED ON EXIM BANK LOAN NEEDED FINANCE THOSE PLANTS. LAST WK, SEN STEVENSON (D-ILL) SAID HE WOULD INTRODUCE RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE EXIM BANK LOAN IF NOT SATISFIED W/DEGREE SK COOP IN CURRENT INVESTIGATION INFLUENCE-BUYING (NYT'S PARISI; AP SEOUL, WSJ).

7. JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS DEPARTURE 3/2 OF LARGEST JAPANESE TRADE MISSION EVER TO GO ABROAD US.TOUR/TALKS AIMED AT INCREASING JAPANESE IMPORTS OF US MANUFACTURED GOODS. DEL TO MEET W/CARTER, STRAUSS, KREPS, CONGRESSMEN/VISIT

17 US CITIES. JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) QUOTES MANSFIELD STATEMENT THAT MISSION "IMPORTANT SYMBOL" AS FIRST MAJOR PUBLIC EVENT FOLLOWING JOINT GOJ/STRAUSS COMMUNIQUE. MANSFIELD HOPEFUL THAT "DURABLE, LONG-TERM TIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED." WP'S CHAPMAN (TOKYO) SAYS MANSFIELD BELIEVES PROTECTIONISM IN US "STILLED"/THAT JAPAN HAS MADE GENUINE TURNABOUT IN TRADE POLICY, COMMITTING COUNTRY TO EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE IMPORTS/REDUCE TRADE SURPLUSES.

US STEEL WITHDRAWS 1.2 BIL DOL ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINT AGAINST JAPAN AS SHOW OF CONFIDENCE IN CARTER ADMIN "TRIGGER PRICE" MECHANISM. AS CONSEQUENCE, US TREASURY WILL DROP INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES (WSJ; REUTER,

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WASHINGTON; SALPUKAS, NYT; ROWE, WP; LAWRENCE, JOC).

JAPANESE COURT AWARDS 1.1 MIL DOLS IN DAMAGES TO 16 PERSONS IN SUIT AGAINST 3 JAPANESE DRUGMAKERS. DRUG (QUINOFORM AKA CLIOQUOL) WAS USED IN JAPAN FROM '53-'70 WHEN GOVT BANNED IT. PLAINTIFFS CONTRACTED NERVE-PARALYZING DISORDER WHICH HAS STRUCK ABOUT 11,000 OTHERS IN JAPAN; 21 OTHER LAWSUITS FOR 672 MIL DOLS IN DAMAGES STILL PENDING (AP PHINQ, WSJ; REUTER, KANAZAWA).

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPANESE CARMAKERS PREDICT ZERO-GROWTH IN CAR SALES TO US AND WESTERN EUROPE BECAUSE OF RISE IN YEN/COMPETITION FOR US AUTOMAKERS. REUTER AND JOC (TOKYO) ALSO NOTE JAPAN'S PLEDGE TO RESTRAIN CAR EXPORTS TO US/UK TO TRIM TRADE SURPLUSES.

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS EEC COUNCIL OF MIN CHRMN ANDERSEN, NOW IN TOKYO, WARNED JAPAN THAT IF ITS OVERALL TRADE SURPLUS EXPANDS IN NEXT FEW YRS, EEC WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT FOLLOW LIBERAL TRADE POLICY.

REUTER (TOKYO) CITES GOJ STATEMENT THAT RECENT SLAUGHTER OF OVER 1,000 PORPOISES BY FISHERMEN UNFORTUNATE, BUT THAT IT HAS NO POWER PREVENT ANY RECURRENCE.

8. BURMA

PEOPLE'S CONGRESS HAS RE-ELECTED PRES NE WIN FOR SECOND 4-YR TERM, ACCORDING GUB OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THURS (REUTER RANGOON).

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9. KOREA

SUN'S MARTIN (TOKYO) SAYS AMB MANSFIELD'S REMARKS TO PRESS BRIEFING IN TOKYO WEDS APPEARED GO FURTHER THAN ANY OF RECENT STATEMENTS BY OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS TO EFFECT THAT US COMMITMENT TO SK'S DEFENSE REMAINS STRONG/APPEARED NEGATE MAJOR SELLING POINTS PRES CARTER'S TROOP W/DRAWAL PLAN. NOTES AMB'S REMARKS MADE AFTER HE WAS ASKED WHY US TROOPS INVOLVED IN MASSIVE SK MANEUVER EXERCISE NEXT WK. SAYS INVOLVEMENT SHOWS US MEANS WHAT SAYING ABOUT ADHERING TO SECURITY TREATY W/SK AND "UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES" WOULD INTERVENE MILITARILY, ACCORDING TERMS OF TREATY. QUOTES DEP ASST SECY DEFENSE ABRAMOWITZ/GEN VESSEY BEFORE SENATE ARMED FORCES CMTE THAT US COULD NOT HELP BEING INVOLVED IMMEDIATELY IN ANY KOREAN PENINSULA WAR SO LONG AS US AIR/NAVAL FORCES,

LOGISTICS, COMMUNICATIONS, INTELLIGENCE UNITS REMAIN THERE.

ACCORDING WSTAR'S SARRO 3/1, TONGSUN PARK CLEARLY HAS GONE ON OFFENSIVE IN EFFORT CHANGE IMAGE OF HIS CHARACTER, CITING AS EXAMPLES: PARK GAVE LAVISH 13-COURSE DINNER FOR US REPORTERS WHO ACCOMPANIED DOJ OFFICIALS TO SEOUL LAST MONTH/APPEALED TO THEM BE SYMPATHETIC/BELIEVE HIS US ACTIVITIES BASED ON BEST INTENTIONS; HE MADE EFFORT MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR REPORTERS IN HAWAII/AT DULLES; HE APPEARED ON ABC TV'S "GOOD MORNING AMERICA"/SAID FORMER KCIA CHIEF LIED; HE GRANTED INTERVIEW "NEWSWEEK"/DENIED ANY CONNECTION W/KCIA; HE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT GIVE STATEMENTS TO WAITING REPORTERS BEFORE/AFTER CLOSED-DOOR TESTIMONY.

SARRO SAYS PARK SENT WORD OUT OF HEARING WEDS THAT HE WOULD COMMENT IF ENOUGH REPORTERS WERE PRESENT; LATER SAID HE WAS "DISAPPOINTED" HE HAD LOST SOME OF HIS PRESS

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AUDIENCE. NOTES CMTE MEMBERS SAID "THERE'S NO QUESTION HE LIKES TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION," WHILE OTHERS SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF TENSION, "BUT NOT ON HIS PART."

10. CHINA

PHILLIPS (CSM) REPORTS JOAN HINTON, FORMER US PHYSICIST

WHO HAS LIVED IN PRC PAST 30 YRS, NOW BACK IN US FOR 1ST TIME SINCE THEN, GIVING LECTURES ON MODERN CHINA UNDER AUSPICES OF US-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION. HINTON SAYS SHE WENT TO CHINA BECAUSE "CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENING THERE," DECIDED STAY, PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING MODERN STATE. SAYS, LIKE OTHER FOREIGNERS, SHE WAS "PUT ASIDE," BLAMES CHIANG CHING/OTHER GANG OF FOUR MEMBERS FOR ISOLATION OF FOREIGNERS. HINTON SAYS SHE DOES NOT BEAR US ILL WILL FOR DENUNCIATION OF HER IN 1950S; THAT SHE ALWAYS WANTED RETURN US, BUT COULDN'T DURING MCCARTHY PERIOD.

FREEMAN (REUTER SINGAPORE) OBSERVES THAT PRC'S EMERGENCE AS MAJOR OIL PRODUCER HAS PROVOKED DEBATE AMONG WESTERN ANALYSTS ON HOW PEKING INTENDS USE OIL. SAYS CONSENSUS OF WESTERN OPINION AT JUST CONCLUDED SINGAPORE CONF IS THAT PRC WILL NOT BECOME MAJOR OIL EXPORTER. INSTEAD, PRC WILL EXPORT ONLY ENOUGH OIL TO MEET IMMEDIATE FOM CURRENCY NEEDS. SAYS SUGGESTION THAT CHINESE OIL EXPORTS MIGHT ENABLE WEST LESSEN DEPENDENCY ON OPEC FOUND LITTLE SUPPORT. JAMES AKINS (FORMER US AMB TO SAUDI ARABIA) TOLD CONF THAT IDEA OF USING CHINA TO BREAK OPEC IS "INCREDIBLY FOOLISH."

FREEMAN NOTES WESTERN FIRMS EAGER SELL PRC OIL EQUIPMENT. BUT SAYS MANY ANALYSTS BELIEVE CHINA'S DESIRE SELF-UNCLASSIFIED

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RELIANCE WILL PREVENT HUGE PURCHASES IN THIS AREA. ACCORDING US OIL DEL WHICH RECENTLY VISITED PRC FACTORIES, EQUIPMENT NOW USED BASED ON OLD US DESIGNS WHICH BEING UPDATED AS PRC LEARNS MORE ABOUT WESTERN TECHNOLOGY.

11. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FOR 3RD TIME IN 3 WKS, CARTER ADMIN WEDS CANCELLED APPEARANCE ON CAPITOL HILL--AT WHICH IT WAS TO HAVE OUT-LINED POLICY ON INDOCHINA/OTHER REFUGEES--BECAUSE UNABLE AGREE ON OVERALL APPROACH, ACCORDING NYT'S GWERTZMAN. SAYS INDECISION INCREASINGLY EMBARRASSING TO WH, SINCE RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMIN'S CONCERN FOR HUMAN RTS. ADMIN, HOWEVER, HAS PROMISED OVERALL POLICY W/IN COUPLE OF WKS. NOTES DIFFERENCES OF OPINION W/IN ADMIN CONCERNING NUMBER/RATE OF REFUGEES TO BE ADMITTED. SAYS SOME DOS/WH OFFICIALS SEE SITUATION IN CRISIS TERMS, NOT ONLY AS IT AFFECTS REFUGEES THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO IN TERMS US PRESTIGE ABROAD. SAYS DOJ/OTHERS, HOWEVER, MORE INCLINED PROCEED SLOWER TO FORMULATION NEW LAW, EVEN IF IT TAKES ANOTHER YR.

12. HUMAN RIGHTS

WSJ EDIT OBSERVES IDEAS OF DOS HR REPORTS SERIOUSLY MISGUIDED AS THEY PROVIDE FORUM FOR CRITICIZING ONLY US AID-RECEPIENT NATIONS/TUS NEGLECTING FAILINGS OF ADVERSARIES. SAYS SINCE SOME US ALLIES GOT VERY ANGRY AT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT THEM LAST YR, DOS HAS ATTEMPTED MAKE THIS YR'S '77 REPORTS "LITTLE MORE SOFT-SPOKEN."

WSJ NOTES CARTER ADMIN IN PAST MADE SK SPECIAL TARGET OF CRITICISM, BUT RECENT REPORT CITES SOME IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION. SAYS HR ISSUE DESCENDED INTO CONFUSION BECAUSE TOO MANY PEOPLE, IN ADMIN/CONGRESS, HAVE ACTED AS IF HR WAS "PROCESS BY WHICH AMERICA DOES PENANCE FOR PAST UNCLASSIFIED

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SINS." OBSERVES "AMAZING RELUCTANCE TO ADMIT THAT SUCCESS OF US INTERESTS IS ON THE WHOLE GOOD FOR STATE OF LIBERTY IN WORLD." CONCLUDES THAT FUNDAMENTAL POINT ABOUT HR IS THAT THERE IS GLOBAL STRUGGLE BETWN SYSTEMS TIED TO PHILOSOPHY THAT DENIES HR/SYSTEMS THAT HONOR THEM. FAILURE RECOGNIZE THIS STRUGGLE, PAPER SAYS, IS FAILURE TO ADVANCE HR.

13. ADD NEWS - KOREA

IN 2ND DAY TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE CMTE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT, TONGSUN PARK CAUGHT WEDS GIVING EVASIVE/ INCOMPLETE ANSWERS, ACCORDING HOUSE MEMBERS, AS INVESTIGATORS BEGAN ASKING HIM SPECIFIC QEUSTIONS ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING. THEY SAID HIS RESPONSES RAISED CONSIDERABE DOUBT ABOUT CREDIBILITY OF HIS TESTIMONY. REP CAPUTO (R-NY) SAID THERE IS GENERAL FEELING AMONG CMTE MEMBERS THAT PARK IS TELLING TRUTH "AS FAR AS HE GOES," BUT THAT "THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS HE KNOWS THAT HE'S NOT REVEALING."

TALKING W/REPORTERS, PARK CONCEDED THE QUESTIONS WERE "VERY TOUGH." HE SAID "THEY GO INTO MINUTE DETAIL," BUT "I AM GLAD THAT THEY ARE VERY TOUGH. ONCE AND FOR ALL, I WANT TO GET THE WHOLE TRUTH OUT." WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE HAD MADE PAYMENTS TO FORMER REP PASSMAN (D-LA), PARK AGAIN EVADED QUESTION/SAID "I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH" (WP'S REID; PHINQ'S HUNT; UPI, GLOBE 3/1, ALL W/PHOTOS PARK; NYDN'S VOLZ; SUN'S OLSON; REUTER'S DE SILVA). VANCE

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